

Conservation Advisory Board

January, 2006

Date: January 3, 2006

Members Present: Leonard Janiga, Chairman

Ralph Burch, Jr.

Warren Cullen, Sr.

Dave Muench

Bud Pearce

Roger Gustavel

Diane Fronczek

Members Absent: Jim Heinrich

Guests:

Town Board: Warren Handley, Councilman

Leonard Janiga, Chairman, opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m., congratulating the board on their attendance at the monthly meetings. The December minutes were approved by the board with the following changes: The addition of Jim Heinrich' name added to the absent list. The adding of the word **Pre** to the sentence: Last paragraph, second page, reading "Housing Lot Layout and the latest **PRE**-Sketch Plan Submission etc." All in favor-7 ayes. Thank You to Roger for taking the minutes in Diane's absence.

Old Business:

After meeting with Ag and Mkts. on December 13th; Leonard learned that the Town, Western New York Land Conservancy and Land Owner submitting a request for Pace funds need to work out all details before submitting to Ag. & Markets for their approval. This will greatly cut down on the amount of time spent by lawyers and hopefully the cost. Ralph questioned where the WNYLC stands in the whole procedure. Where is their presence; where do they fit? Warren Handley stated that their involvement is in the land acquisition part. The board learned that Amy Holt from the WNYLC is leaving and this may make the process longer as they find a replacement.

Warren Handley has spoken with seven previously interested landowners for the PACE program only to learn they are no longer interested. During an Executive Committee meeting held on Dec. 13, the Town Board approved a recommendation for the Town to submit another grant. However, there may be little chance we might receive another grant due to the inability to pay out monies from previous grants. Ag and Mkts. have also tightened their requirements.

They state that any land in the future submitted to them will have to be shown to be very productive land and they will require proof of that productive use.

Representation to the Erie County Management Council meetings was discussed and decided upon to continue sending an alternate Board member to the monthly meetings.

Dave Muench brought up an inconsistency in the code book that refers to the CAB as not receiving compensation. The board members were asked to study the code book referring to Chapter 12, page 1201, (12-8) for any inconsistencies and to look over the Conservation Overlay District, 210-45. In February, we will review Chapter 12; with it's definitions and rules for purposes of revising the code book and possibly the overlay map 21045 (map 21103).

Members again questioned why it would not be feasible to issue permits for putting in a driveway. We were informed that we could go as individuals to the Planning Board and ask them to consider our request. Our job as the CAB is to protect green space and not to get involved with permits and other planning board issues.

Warren Handley reminded Warren Cullen, Sr. and Diane Fronczek that they needed to resubmit their request to the Town Board to be reinstated for an additional two years to the CAB.

Ralph Burch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave Muench. We were adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Fronczek, Recording Clerk